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RE: Please see attached letter dated March 31, 2009, re U.S. Department of the Interior – Section 20 Regulations	

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Re: Department of the Interior Section 20 Regulations

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This letter is a follow up to your conversation with Jo-Ann Shyloski, NIGC Associate General Counsel – Litigation & Enforcement, on March 26, 2009. During such conversation, Ms. Shyloski requested that you submit on behalf of your client, the Fort Sill Apache Tribe, written analysis of whether the Department of the Interior's Section 20 regulations, 25 C.F.R. part 292, which the National Indian Gaming Commission has adopted, apply to the Fort Sill Apache Tribe's parcel in New Mexico known as Akela Flats.

We would greatly appreciate your conveyance of such analysis as soon as possible so that we can continue to evaluate the permissibility of gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. § 2701 *et seq.*, at Akela Flats, and to give the Tribe an opportunity to inform us of its position regarding the applicability of these regulations.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Esther Dittler  
Staff Attorney